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GOVERNOR TO LAUNCH 2008-09 BOOK PROGRAM AT CROCKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Sixth Year for Governor's Literacy Program

Governor Janet Napolitano will meet with fourth graders at Crockett Elementary School on Friday to hand out copies of *Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-Armed Explorer* – one of the books she selected for her literacy program. The Governor began giving a book to every first grade student in 2003 and expanded the program to include a book for each fourth grader in 2005. Roughly 94,000 copies of *Down the Colorado* will be distributed to fourth grade students this year.

Private sponsorship by McDonald's, APS, Blue Cross Blue Shield Arizona, SCF Arizona, John & Dee Whiteman, Phoenix Suns' Wives Charities and the Ibis Foundation covered all costs associated with the printing and distribution of *Down the Colorado*.

DATE: Friday, November 14

TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Crockett Elementary School

501 North 36th Street

Phoenix

Down the Colorado
John Wesley Powell, the One-Armed Explorer
Doborah Kogan Ray

Media planning to attend should bring their press credentials.